

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**
3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA

August 16, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Callender, Terry Louque, Al Bargas, John Brass, Russell Cornette, Anthony Rouchon, Randolph Saucier, Jerry Thibeau, Larry Thomas, Willie George Lee, Dale Zuelke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joel Louque, Don Thompson

ALSO PRESENT: Dietmar Rietschier, Executive Director
Toni Guitrau, Executive Secretary
Larry Bankston, Attorney

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Callender.
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None
3. Minutes
The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Brass to approve the July 2011 meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report
 - T. Louque presented to the Board the July 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau, second by Rouchon to approve the July 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
5. Report by Executive Director
 - Reported on the August 16, 2011 Management Team Meeting in New Orleans with the USACE.
 - The Board unanimously agreed to send a letter to Congress from the ARBC requesting they intervene in regard to the USACE considering or possibly postponing construction of a Hwy. 67 Bridge which could ultimately lead to reprogramming of funds.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel
 - Discussed pending litigation.
 - Discussed post-RFQ issues.
7. Old Business
 - Discussed the status of the CEA between the ARBC and LA DOTD. A draft CEA has been submitted to DOTD but has not yet been approved by the Secretary.
 - Status/Discussion of Hunting Lease of Property at Lilly Bayou: This matter will be discussed further at the next regular monthly meeting of the ARBC.
 - USGS River Cameras: Due to construction at the Magnolia Bridge, the river camera will be temporarily installed at the Lilly Bayou Control Structure site.
 - At the July 19, 2011 the Board authorized the publication of the Rules (related to the procedure for expropriation of property) in the official publication of the ARBC and the Louisiana State Register. This public notice will be in the Advocate August 17, 2011. Any rules or regulations for comprehensive drainage, flood control and water resources development, reservoir, and diversion canal systems shall be adopted in accordance with La. R.S. 38:3306. Therefore, prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule or regulation by the board, the proposed rule or regulation shall be submitted to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works and the Senate

Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works. Oversight review of the rules and regulations shall be conducted by the respective committees.

8. New Business: None

9. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Cornette, second by Rouchon to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

/s/ Lawrence Callender
Lawrence Callender, ARBC President

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau
Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary

Date: September 20, 2011